



Duncan Elementary School

100 S. Danzler Rd.

Duncan, SC 29334

Grades	PK-4 Elementary School	
Enrollment	658 Students	
Principal	Susan B. Hill	864-949-2373
Superintendent	Dr. Scott Turner	864-949-2350
Board Chair	Mr. Steve Brockman	864-949-2350

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Average	Good
2011	Good	Good
2010	Average	Good
2009	Average	Average
2008	Average	Average

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located

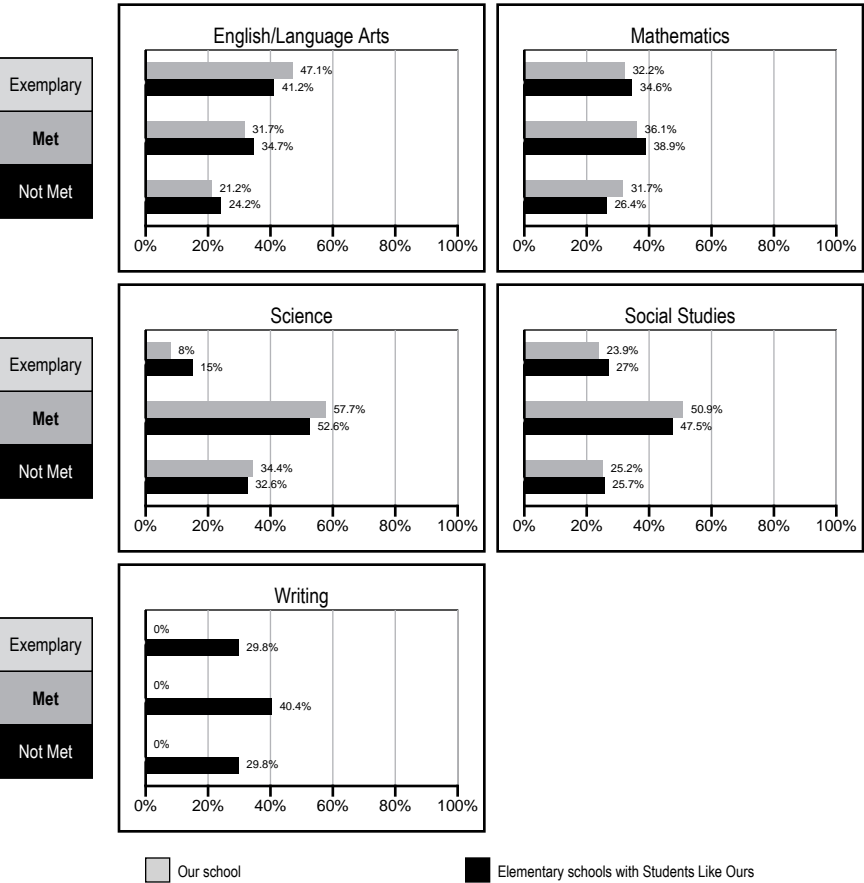
94.8%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
17	36	68	5	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012.

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)



* Elementary schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means the student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means the student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=658)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	3.3%	Down from 3.6%	1.2%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 96.4%	96.3%	96.6%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=50)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	72.0%	Up from 70.0%	62.1%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	93.6%	Up from 88.2%	89.5%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 95.5%	94.9%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,065	Up 5.5%	\$47,463	\$47,210
Professional development days/teacher	7.3 days	Up from 4.8 days	10.7 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.5 to 1	Up from 16.1 to 1	20.0 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.4%	Up from 91.3%	89.9%	90.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 96.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,936	Down 1.7%	\$7,257	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	75.0%	Up from 72.9%	67.7%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	71.8%	Up from 70.3%	65.4%	65.7%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Duncan Elementary School is located in one of Spartanburg's most rapidly growing communities. This year our outstanding faculty/staff of 90 served six hundred fifty-four students from grades K/3 through fourth grade. Our mission is to provide every student quality educational experiences in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment, enabling each individual to succeed in life and function as a productive citizen.

In addition to building strong character within our students, our academic focus is in the explicit instruction of reading and mathematics. It is our desire that our students have the academic tools that they need to be successful in life. Demonstrating positive character traits will assist our students as they make choices in their daily lives thereby becoming productive citizens.

Our children have continued to make great strides as learners. They have attained significant academic growth as measured by assessments, like Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Teachers use the data to plan instruction and to recognize students for achieving their goals. Duncan Elementary School has also been recognized with our State's Palmetto Silver Award for "Overall Performance" and for "Closing the Achievement Gap" among our students, as measured by our state test, Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS).

Technology integration is an important aspect of the curriculum at Duncan Elementary School. Teachers and students utilize technology on a daily basis. All of our school's classrooms are equipped with interactive white boards purchased with Title I funds.

An abundance of learning opportunities exist for our students: preschool intervention, full day 4K classes, explicit character education/community time, literacy intervention K through 4th grade, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), REACH (gifted/talented academic program for students in grades 3 and 4), Creations (gifted/talented art program for students in grades 3 and 4), support for special learning needs, Wildcat Chorus and Drama, Girls on the Run (GOTR), and German instruction for students in grades 1 through 4. Many of these services are provided through Title I funding.

Student leadership is nurtured through the opportunities provided by Student Council, the Wildcat Safety Patrol, K-Kids Leadership Club, and W.I.L.D T.V. Our students enthusiastically participated in the following service opportunities: Relay for Life, March of Dimes, and Canned Food Drives for Middle Tyger Community Center.

Students, staff, parents/family members and community members are an integral part of our mission at Duncan Elementary School. Participation in events such as, Grandparents' Lunches, Pastries for Pastors, Donuts for Dads, Breakfast for Moms, Parent Lunches, and our Family Nights demonstrates to our students the outstanding support that they have available to them. What an encouragement!

Duncan Elementary School is a very special place to learn and grow. The support of our families and community is very much appreciated!

Susan Hill, Principal

Lisa Russell, SIC/Title I Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	35	115	71
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	96.5%	94.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	93.0%	97.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	80.0%	93.9%	97.1%

* Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2012, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/eSEA/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	87.5
Overall Grade Conversion	B

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the state's expectations

Accountability Indicator for Title I Schools

Duncan Elementary School school has been designated as a:

- ☒ Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
- ☐ Title I Reward School for Progress – one of the schools with substantial progress in student subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Focus School – one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Priority School – one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
- ☐ Title I School – does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
- ☐ Non-Title I School – therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	5.1%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.7%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year

Abbreviations for Missing Data

Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
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Grades 3-5

All Students	662.5	645.9	615.2	632.9	100.0	100.0
Male	660.5	650.4	621.3	635.2	100.0	100.0
Female	664.3	641.9	610.3	630.8	100.0	100.0
White	675.2	660.1	629.4	643.0	100.0	100.0
African American	638.2	621.7	590.7	612.4	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	650.7	633.8	607.4	626.3	100.0	100.0
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	630.0	630.0	630.0	630.0	95.0	95.0

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
English/Language Arts							
2011	3	122	100	28.1	21.9	50	71.9
	4	124	100	18.2	42.7	39.1	81.8
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	104	100	20.2	24.5	55.3	79.8
	4	121	100	21.9	37.7	40.4	78.1
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics							
2011	3	122	100	41.2	23.7	35.1	58.8
	4	124	100	15.5	33.6	50.9	84.5
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	104	100	46.8	27.7	25.5	53.2
	4	121	100	19.3	43	37.7	80.7
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science							
2011	3	59	100	42.6	37	20.4	57.4
	4	124	100	23.6	57.3	19.1	76.4
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	53	100	51	30.6	18.4	49
	4	121	100	27.2	69.3	3.5	72.8
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
Social Studies							
2011	3	63	100	21.7	40	38.3	78.3
	4	124	100	14.5	54.5	30.9	85.5
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	51	100	39.1	39.1	21.7	60.9
	4	121	100	20.2	55.3	24.6	79.8
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing							
2011	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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